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REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1, 3-4, 6, 10-11 have been cancelled and claims 14-15 have been amended in the application. Currently claims 14-15 are pending in the application.

Claims 14 and 15 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten into independent form. By this amendment, claims 14-15 have been rewritten into independent form and include all of limitations of claims 1 and 6, respectively

Claims 1, 3-4, 6, 10-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by or in alternative under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Tadauchi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,673,310). This rejection is now moot in view of the cancellation of these claims.

In view of foregoing claim amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and an action to this effect is respectfully requested.

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If there are any questions or concerns regarding this amendment or the remarks, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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